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FOR NEA/PAB AUSTRIAN FROM THOMPSON

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SUBJECT: BUSINESS INQUIRY

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1. IT IS A FAIRLY COMMON PRACTICE FOR IMPORTERS AND BUSINESSMEN
IN AFGHANISTAN TO MAINTAIN BANK ACCOUNTS IN SEVERAL FOREIGN
COUNTRIES AND TO PAY FOR IMPORTED GOODS FROM THESE ACCOUNTS.

2. WE SUSPECT THAT AMEX IS INVOLVED WITH A BUSINESSMAN HANDLING
HIS IMPORTS THROUGH THE MONEY BAZAAR IN KABUL. THE MONEY BAZAAR
AND ITS OPERATIONS ARE PERHAPS BEST DESCRIBED AS EXTRA-LEGAL.
A LARGE PROPORTION OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS IN AFGHANISTAN,
PROBABLY THE MAJORITY, ARE HANDLED THROUGH THE BAZAAR RATHER THAN
THROUGH BANKS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS TOLERATED THE EXISTENCE OF
THE MONEY BAZAAR FOR MANY YEARS AS IT IS INDISPENSABLE TO THE
CONDUCT OF BUSINESS, BUT THE LEGALITY OF ITS OPERATIONS HAS NOT,
TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, EVER BEEN OFFICIALLY ACKNOWLEDGED.
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